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Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Therefore, no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

The references listed on PTO-1449 form were cited in an International Search Report for parent application PCT/EP 00/03941, filed May 3, 2000. Copies of these references and the Search Report are enclosed herewith

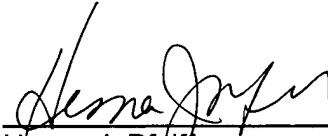
The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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